

RIGHTS OF VOTERS WERE VIOLATED

Circuit Judge Holds Gerry-mander Unconstitutional.

Judgment in Case Coming From Ohio County, Arising From Recent Legislation.

ALL THE NEWS OF KENTUCKY

Owensboro, Ky., August 25.—Another opinion has been rendered declaring unconstitutional the legislative redistricting bill. This decision has been rendered in the circuit court here, and like Judge Galloway's opinion, will be appealed. The case decided as that of Cal P. Keown against W. S. Tinley, clerk of the Ohio county court, and T. N. Johnson, declaring unconstitutional the legislative redistricting bill passed at the recent session of the legislature. The decision deals primarily with the Twenty-sixth legislative district, composed of the counties of Ohio, Butler and Edmonson, but affects the entire state.

Suit was filed by Cal P. Keown in the Ohio circuit court to test the constitutionality of the act. He is an independent candidate for the legislature from the old district, composed of Ohio county alone. T. N. Johnson, one of the defendants, is a resident of Butler county, and is a candidate to represent the three counties of Butler, Ohio and Edmonson. W. S. Tinley, clerk of the county court, is made a defendant because he refused to put the name of Keown on the ballot.

Judge Birkhead holds that the act of the legislature in putting Butler, Ohio and Edmonson counties in one district is in violation of Section 33 of the constitution, of which the policy is that every citizen in the state shall have an equal voice in the making of the laws. With more than 50,000 in the Twenty-sixth district and only 7,000 in the Hancock district, one citizen of Hancock county would have as much power in the legislature as six or seven citizens of Butler, Ohio and Edmonson counties. This the judge holds to be an invasion of the rights of the citizen. Judge Birkhead also holds that the courts have a right to revise the acts of the legislature.

Senator McCreary's Wife Ill.

Maysville, Ky., August 25.—State Representative Virgil P. McKnight received a telegram from Senator McCreary, stating that he had been called home on account of the sudden illness of his wife, and would not be able to fill his engagement at the Germantown fair today. The crowd on the grounds is estimated from ten to twelve thousand.

Kehoe to Run Again.

Maysville, Ky., August 25.—It is conceded that ex-Congressman James N. Kehoe will be forced to accept the nomination for congress in this, the Ninth district, to oppose J. B. Bennett, the Republican nominee. Bennett defeated Kehoe two years ago by 11 votes. Kehoe says he will accept if the nomination is forced upon him. There are now seven announced candidates.

Actors Are Dismissed.

Louisville, August 25.—Judge McCann handed down his decision in the city court this morning in the cases of the eleven members of the "Four Corners of the Earth" company, who were arrested charged with violating the general Sunday law by giving a theatrical performance at the Avenue, Sunday, August 12.

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"UNCLE JOE'S" PHILOSOPHY.

The Speaker's Sapient Remark on the Youths of His Time and Now.

One day a colleague asked Uncle Joe Cannon what in his opinion was the main difference between the days of his youth and the present time.

"Well," answered Uncle Joe reflectively, "when I was a youngster a young man was satisfied to paddle his own canoe but nowadays every one thinks he has a call to steer the ship of state."—New York Sun.

Robinson Crusoe's Isle.

The reported destruction by the Chilean earthquake of the island of Juan Fernandez lends a final touch of romance to the scene of the late habitation of Alexander Selkirk, the historic original of Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe."

Since its discovery in the sixteenth century by Juan Fernandez, a pilot with Pizarro, the island has had a strange history. It was the rendezvous of the Dutch pirates Le-Maire and Shonien in 1616, and for the next two centuries the piratical rovers of the South Seas made it their base. It is doubtfully related of Sharp, the English buccaneer, who landed there during Selkirk's sojourn between the years 1704 and 1709, that, on being pursued by a caravel sent out by the governor of Valparaiso, he left behind in his haste a black who became Selkirk's companion and the prototype of Crusoe's man Friday. This is probably a myth. Indeed, the true source of the entire plot of Defoe's tale may possibly be looked for in a Crusoe legend of undoubted antiquity, which is the inheritance of many people.

The island was later successively made into a Spanish fort, a Chilean convict station, and finally, until the Valparaiso earthquake, a hamlet of peaceful inhabitants was situated in its valley. Juan Fernandez left some 300 miles west of Valparaiso and the report of its destruction is at least temporarily admissible from the fact of its volcanic origin. Tales have been told of light emanating from one of the loftier peaks, which rose in inaccessible grandeur to a height of 3,000 feet above the sea. Examination of the stratified tufa, old lava formations, and greenstone of which it was composed, seemed to show, however, that the mountain must have been long quiescent.—New York Times.

Cutting It Short.

Dallas Welford, the English comedian, had been appointed to a toast at a banquet at the player's club but the speaker who preceded him proved long winded, and therefore a committee-man came to Mr. Welford and asked him in a whisper to cut his address extremely short.

"I have been asked to cut my speech short," Mr. Welford said when he arose. "All I wish is that I could cut it as short as a friar once did his sermon."

"This friar, on the feast of St. Stephen, had been appointed to preach on the saint but at the last minute a priest asked him to make the sermon brief, as the hour was already late."

"The friar accordingly ascended the pulpit and delivered the following address:

"Brethren, twelve months ago I preached to you a sermon on the saint whose feast we are celebrating today. As I have not heard of any other deeds performed by the saint in the interim I have nothing to add to what I said on the former occasion."

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"Well, a pedestrian mostly."

"Did your rich uncle remember that it was your birthday?"

"He must have. He went out of town for a week."

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THINK THEY SEE PERIL IN NEW LAW

Shippers Will Appear Before Commerce Commission.

Because Traffic Men Claim Increased Profits Under the Repeal Bill.

UNIFORM RATE SCHEDULES

Shippers, says the Chicago Tribune, propose to follow the example of railroads in conferring among themselves and with their lawyers for the purpose of formulating plans to get the interstate commerce commission to construe the new rate law favorably to their interests. A meeting of the traffic managers of the principal manufacturing concerns of Chicago was held at the Auditorium Annex Thursday, and on next Monday, the day before the new law goes into effect, the executive committee of the American Shippers' association will meet at the New Willard hotel in Washington.

The result of these meetings is expected to be that the shippers will have representatives before the interstate commerce commission immediately after it is organized, urging it to give to the law an interpretation favorable in many respects from that which the lawyers of the railroads are understood to be putting upon it, and to issue no regulations without full hearing of both sides.

See Peril in New Law.

The chief thing that has moved the shippers to action is the statement which many railway traffic officials have concurred in making that they think the new law will largely increase the revenues of the roads and be otherwise beneficial to them. The shippers say they don't see how the law can help the railways so much without hurting those who do business with them. Various regulations in regard to local and through rates switching charges, bills of lading, etc., which the railways are considering adopting, in order, as is stated, to conform to the law, have also caused alarm.

The initiative in the shippers' movement was taken by the traffic committee of the Illinois Manufacturers' association.

To Enforce New Rate Law.

By bringing about the enforcement of an old provision of law authorizing the interstate commerce commission to prescribe a special form of rate schedule, Commissioner F. M. Cockrell has taken a step which is regarded as of vast importance in preparing for the enforcement of the new railroad rate law enacted by congress last June.

In 1890 congress amended the interstate commerce act of 1887, and gave the commission power to specify the form of rate schedules. The schedules included at the freight tariffs of the railroads. These tariff sheets now go to the commission, but are submitted in any form that the railroad prefers. The power to prescribe a form has never been used.

It is believed by Mr. Cockrell—and the commission as a whole now takes the same view—that a system of uniform rate schedules, besides being an important step toward the effectual administration of the new law, will also itself materially assist in stopping railway abuses, such as manipulation of rates in favor of special shippers.

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